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Germany cannot fight the world, the United States included, indefinitely.

Justice Hughes has the ladies with him. He has come out openly for woman's suffrage.

Mr. Houchin should now be convinced that the Democrats don't want a business administration at Jefferson City.

Con Roach was defeated for the Democratic nomination for Governor, but the fact expresses real sympathy for Mrs. Con.

When you hear the Democrats talk of economy just translate it as meaning increased expenditures if they have the handling of the budget.

The Republican bosses in St. Louis gave Mr. Swearer's dirty deal in the recent primary election, and their conduct smacks unpleasantly of heavy politics.

The new federal farm loan act may prove of much benefit to the farmers, but it also provides places for a long list of official chisel workers, a merit which doubtless wins the interest of almost all "desertion" Democrats.

Sir Roger Casement, the Irish patriot, was brought to London last Thursday for trial on the British President Wilson maintained small interest in the appeal from Irish Americans for a plea from him in behalf of men held for Sir Roger. He is too thoroughly pro British for anything else that.

Mr. Hughes did not say everything he had in mind in criticism of the Wilson administration in his speech of acceptance. He promises to hold out considerably more during the campaign. If what he has said so far is a fair sample of what is still to be forthcoming, he will have Mr. Wilson acting like he had run into a hornet's nest by election time.

The Ironton Register says Wilson has kept us out of war without loss of prestige to the country. Bro Ake surely has the blinder on when he reviews Mr. Wilson's record. We are ready to admit that the President has kept us out of war, but as to the retention of our national prestige in the operation, that is open to argument. Looking about us, about the only place on earth today where the United States is treated with proper respect is in the Hague repudiate Mr. Wilson hasn't hesitated to uphold our prestige with a little fellow like that. Too, he has made some inroads with the Kaiser, but not with complete success. The Allies have had no respect for us since the war broke out, and have heaped contempt on their contempt for us, and have given Mr. Wilson's "Please don't be so rigid" the merry laugh. And down in Mexico why Mr. Wilson himself pulled our national prestige there up by the roots and brought it away with him in our retreat from Vera Cruz. Since then we have had ample evidence of the Mexicans' respect for us. National prestige cannot be upheld by a "too proud to fight" policy. If Mr. Wilson had said, "We don't want to fight, but crowd it on," why, the United States wouldn't be the laughing stock among the nations of the world, she is today. Prestige, say, don't make us laugh, give us a split.

The railroad brotherhoods are balloting on whether to inaugurate a general strike for shorter hours, and the returns are said to be preponderantly in favor of the strike. The railroads maintain that they are in no position financially under the arbitrary rates fixed by the government to grant the increase demanded by the trainmen, involving, as they claim, an increase in the operating cost of \$100,000,000 a year. This contention may be correct, just as the contention of the trainmen that they are not people stand for it? Aren't we

getting enough pay may also be correct. The proposition is also one that touches public interest seriously. A general tying up of traffic through a strike would be a public calamity; for the railroads to grant the demanded wage increase would mean that the burden of the expense must fall upon the consumer in the end. The railroads take the position that the whole question should not be determined by either side of the contending parties, but should be settled by arbitration before a government commission and are making an appeal to the public for support on this point. This looks fair enough. But the point might be carried still farther, since the public is so deeply concerned in the question. Since balloting shall determine for the trainmen whether they are to strike, it might be just as well to give the people a chance to render the final verdict.

The response of the Republican leaders of this congressional district to the candidacy of Hon. M. E. Rhodes of Potosi for the party's preference for member of Congress should be as gratifying to the party as a whole as it is to himself and his personal friends. He entered the race for the nomination late and against an array of opponents strong, competent and popular in their individuality, whose merits have not diminished in their defeat. His campaign was made with an energy and telling effectiveness that stamped him as a man of directness of purpose and capacity to carry out that purpose. The result was nothing in itself that the rank and file of the party regards him as the available man to carry the district next November. He is tried to no faction nor aligned with any special interest and his election would mean that the people of the district were represented in Congress by a servant of their own choosing.

His previous record in Congress is clean; his service to the people of Missouri in privately on his own initiative and at his own expense, combatting successfully the increase in railroad freight and passenger rates last winter, is immeasurable. It has meant a saving of millions of dollars to the public, affecting all classes. In that fight alone he demonstrated his capacity and taught some of the brightest legal minds in the state the law of the constitution. Let us now render our recognition and appreciation of this service by electing him to Congress. It should appeal to all men regardless of political belief.

Losses Through the Lack of Birds.

There has lately been a drop in the price of gasoline without a reasonable explanation as to the cause. The previous rapid advance in the price of this commodity was just as mysterious. Maybe the oil interests, dominated by the Standard Oil Company, simply concluded that they had touched the consumers hard enough for the present and are easing off a little to appease public sentiment, which was beginning to get wrath under the burden of this imposition. The American public is the easy "concoct" for the grafters that compose the oil monopoly. They stung it again and again but the poor boob never seems to get wise to the game. Sometimes Uncle Sam gets his sympathies for the consumer worked up to the point of doing something to check the robbery and starts an "investigation" or maybe "disgoles" something and fixes the malefactor twenty-million dollars or so; but all this don't worry the oil monopoly one bit. Both of these are very small insects, almost microscopic in size. It takes 24,000 chinch bugs to weigh an ounce, and nearly 50,000 Hessian flies to weigh an ounce.

Scientific men announce that there is no way on earth by which these insects can be destroyed except for people to stop the killing of birds absolutely and at all times, and let them come back and take care of the insects.

so aversive to anything that hints of socialism that we would rather have our pockets picked by the private monopolies whenever it suits them, than to seize the graft in confiscation and make it a public monopoly for the benefit of the consumer. Confiscation—awful word! Yet you don't mind it in the operation by which the Oil Combine separates you from your own car every time you have your gasoline tank filled.

One word more, it wouldn't send The Great John D. to the poorhouse if the people through their government took the oil business away from him.

The Landless Man and the Manless Land.

As we recollect it was Tolstoy who wrote the story about the barbed wire fence which encloses a great pasture. The cattle had cropped the grass close within the enclosure, but outside were acres and acres of long grass.

"Why don't you tear down the fence so your cattle may range all over this pasture land?" the proprietor of the farm was asked. "If we let them out we couldn't milk them," was the reply.

The barbed wire fence is now our present tax system which keeps men from the unused land. This tax system is maintained for "milking" purposes.

The worst enemy of organized labor is right for higher wages and better conditions is the jobless man.

The jobless man has got to eat and he will eat even though he has to steal to do so.

In other words when there are three men after two jobs there will inevitably be low wages, strikes, strike-breakers, mud-suds and riots.

The jobless man is the direct product of withholding land from use.

Due to a shortsighted policy, our country has permitted every foot of useful land to be squandered chiefly by speculators.

Today, while millions of acres of labor opportunities are withheld from use, thousands of jobless men are walking the highways bidding against their fellow beings who have jobs.

The only way to open this land to use at this late date is to make it unprofitable to hold it for speculative purposes. This can be accomplished by increased tax on its value. Furthermore, as taxes are increased on these land values, the taxes on buildings, improvements and industry can be lowered thus providing another incentive for capital to employ labor. The Ground Hog

REPUBLICAN TICKET.

For President,
CHARLES E. HUGHES.
For Vice-President,
CHARLES W. FAIRBANKS.

For Senator in Congress:
WALTER S. BUCKLEY
For Governor:
HENRY LAMM

For Representative in Congress for
the Thirtieth Congressional Dis-
trict:
MARION T. BURKE

For Justice of the Peace for the
Twenty-first Judicial District:
JOHN H. SMITH

For Representatives:
WILLIAM H. FRENCH
For Justice of the Peace, Court, First
District:
W. D. CAMPION

For Judge of the County Court, Sec-
ond District:
ROBERT W. TAYLOR

For Prosecuting Attorney:
PAUL M. BROWN

For Sheriff:
LAWRENCE D. VANCE

For County Treasurer:
NORMAN R. RICHARDS

For Assessor:
JOHN S. CONNORS

For Surveyor:
JOHN B. BREWER

To the Voters.

I take this method of expressing my appreciation and regard for the Republicans who supported me in seeking the nomination.

I shall appreciate the opportunity your support affords me to remain faithful to the trust.

Yours truly,
PAUL M. BROWN

A Card.

My Dear Mr. Farnum,
Through the kindness of your valuable paper, permit me to nominate the Republicans of Washington County, Indiana, to support the policy of the election.

I have been selected as the Republican candidate for Congress for the Thirtieth Congressional District, and shall do all in my power to win an endorsement in November. If elected, I promise to do my very best to make good and fulfill my obligations.

That these results may be accomplished, I beseech people of Washington County, regardless of political affiliation, steadily to vote the Republican ticket.

Very respectfully,
M. E. RHODES

Paul M. Brown.

Vassar of Grand Canyon.

Few persons can realize on a first view of the Grand Canyon that it is more than a mile deep and from 8 to 12 miles wide. The cliffs descending to its depths form a succession of huge steps, each 8 to 10 feet high, with steep, rocky slopes between. The cliff faces the edges of hard beds of limestone or sandstone, the intervening slopes mark the crevices of softer beds. This series of steps is more than 3,000 feet thick, and the beds are nearly horizontal. Far down in the canyon is a broad shelf capped by the hard sandstone at the base of this series, deeply treacherous by a narrow canyon cuts thousand feet or more into the underlying strata. The rocks vary in color from white and buff to red and pale green. They present a marvelous variety of grotesque forms, and mostly on a titanic scale fashioned mainly by erosion by running water, the agent which has excavated the canyon. U. S. Geological Survey.

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